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In re application of:

SHEPARD, SCOT

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Examiner: Criares, T. (anticipated)

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR INACTIVATING VIRUSES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR FILING OF DIVISIONAL APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.53(B) AND**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Applicants respectfully file this divisional application and preliminary amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53(B) and 1.115(a). This preliminary amendment is filed before the mailing date of the first office action. Please charge any required fees to deposit account number 02-2334.